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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Monday, October 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	November 20, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Mucha, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding  
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**  
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Precious Benson, Public Member  
Daphne Warner, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III  
Shauna Slaughter, Deputy Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Brittingham, Professional Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Jennifer Guy, Court Reporter of Wilcox & Fetzer LTD  
Angie Kogut, Deputy Attorney General  
Stacey Stewart, Deputy Attorney General  
Gary Alderson, Esq. of Elzefon Austin Tarlov & Mondell, P.A.  
Diana Galaris, LCSW  
Rick Galaris, Psychologist, BHA  
Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter  
Michelle Adams, DSU, BSW Student  
Amanda Irving, DSU, MSW Student

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Gleockler called the hearing to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Continued - 9:00 a.m. Hearing for Diana Galaris, LCSW Case No.: 31-03-15

Mr. Mucha remained recused from this hearing. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of today's hearing as the continued hearing in the case against Diana Galaris, Case No. 31-03-15. The Board went on the record at 9:11 a.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Galaris was sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Stewart entered into the record as State Exhibit 6 the Domestic Incident and Police Reports, Adult Complaint and Warrant, and the Plea and Sentencing Documents. Ms. Stewart questioned Ms. Galaris. Ms. Galaris provided her testimony. The Board took a brief recess at 10:48 a.m.

The Board went back on the record at 11:01 a.m. Ms. Stewart stated that the State rested their case. Mr. Alderson called Dr. Rick Galaris as a rebuttal witness. Mr. Alderson entered into the record the curriculum vitae of Dr. Rick Galaris as Respondent Exhibit 3. Dr. Galaris was sworn in and provided his testimony. The Board took a brief recess at 12:12 p.m.

The Board went back on the record at 12:22 p.m. Ms. Kelly addressed each Board member and questioned if each member could be fair and unbiased during the remainder of this case and during deliberations for this case. Each Board member responded in the affirmative that they can remain unbiased in the remainder of entirety of this case. Dr. Galaris continued his testimony for the record. Ms. Stewart cross examined Dr. Galaris. The Board questioned Dr. Galaris. The Board recessed for a 50 minute break at 1:00 p.m.

The Board went back on the record at 1:57 p.m. Mr. Alderson submitted into evidence for the record Respondent's Exhibit 4 as Diana Galaris's curriculum vitae and Respondent's Exhibit 5 as records from the Division of Family Services (DFS). Ms. Galaris was reminded that she was still under oath. Mr. Alderson questioned Ms. Galaris. Ms. Stewart cross examined Ms. Galaris. The Board questioned Ms. Galaris. Mr. Alderson rested his case. The Board took a short break at 3:32 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 3:45 p.m. Ms. Kogut for the State provided the State's closing arguments.

The State recommended:

1. Ms. Galaris's license be placed on probation for a period of eighteen 18 months starting on the date of the Final Order by the Board;
2. Within thirty days of Final Order, Ms. Galaris shall submit a professional development plan to the Board with provision for supervision of Ms. Galaris while providing services to minors during the probationary period with Board approval of professional development plan and the supervisor;
3. During probationary period, Ms. Galaris shall adhere to all aspects of the Board approved professional development plan;
4. Within thirty days of Order, Ms. Galaris shall take and successfully complete the one hour Delaware course on the mandatory duty to report child abuse;
5. Within a year of the probationary period and in addition to the course hours required for licensure renewal, Ms. Galaris shall complete nine (9) hours of continuing education for social workers. Six (6) of the 9 hours shall be in the subject area of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for children or adolescents and three (3) of the 9 hours shall be in ethics;
6. At the end of the 12 months of probation, Ms. Galaris may petition the Board in writing to have her probation lifted, in which she shall provide proof of compliance with all terms and conditions of the Final Order along with a written recommendation from her Board approved supervisor that her probationary status should be lifted;
7. The Board has the right to determine if any additional conditions or restrictions should be placed on the Ms. Galaris's license in terms of protecting the public in conjunction with any further hearing for removal from probation or violation of any of the terms or conditions of the probation.

Mr. Alderson provided his closing argument on behalf of Ms. Galaris. Ms. Kogut provided the State's rebuttal to Mr. Alderson's closing argument. The State concluded their case.

Mr. Alderson requested that Mr. Akin's preliminary matter letter be marked as Board Exhibit 1. The Board reviewed Mr. Akin's letter on the record. The Board entered into deliberations at 4:58 p.m.

Ms. Gleockler moved, seconded by Ms. Benson, in that the State proved that Ms. Galaris violated 24 *Del. C.* § 3915(a)(2) in that she negligently practiced social work. By unanimous vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Warner moved, seconded by Ms. Sewell, in that the State proved that Ms. Galaris violated 24 *Del. C.* § 3915(a)(2) and (9) in that she failed to report suspected abuse or neglect to DFS as required by 16 *Del. C.* §§ 903 and 904; 24 *Del. C.* § 3915(a)(5) in that she violated Board Rules 9.1.1 in that she failed to make S.W.'s welfare her primary responsibility and 9.1.3 in that she failed to assist in finding appropriate services for S.W. By unanimous vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Benson moved, seconded by Ms. Warner, that the following disciplinary actions be imposed upon Ms. Galaris's license:

1. Ms. Galaris's license be placed on probation for a period of eighteen 18 months starting on the date of the Final Order by the Board;
2. Within thirty days of Final Order, Ms. Galaris shall submit a professional development plan to the Board with provision for supervision of Ms. Galaris while providing services to minors during the probationary period with Board approval of professional development plan and the supervisor;
3. During probationary period, Ms. Galaris shall adhere to all aspects of the Board approved professional development plan;
4. Within thirty days of Order, Ms. Galaris shall take and successfully complete the three (3) hours Delaware course on the mandatory duty to report child abuse;
5. Within year of the probationary period and in addition to the course hours required for licensure renewal, Ms. Galaris shall complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education for social workers. Twelve (12) hours of the 15 shall be in the subject area of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for children or adolescents and three (3) hours of the 15 shall be in cultural competency;
6. At the end of the twelve (12) months of probation, Ms. Galaris may petition the Board in writing to have her probation lifted, in which she shall provide proof of compliance with all terms and conditions of the Final Order along with a written recommendation from her Board approved supervisor that her probationary status should be lifted;
7. The Board has the right to determine if any additional conditions or restrictions should be placed on the Ms. Galaris's license in terms of protecting the public in conjunction with any further hearing for removal from probation or violation of any of the terms or conditions of the probation.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The hearing concluded at 6:38 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist III  
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*